

2023–2024 Season Dates

Species	Open Dates
Bear	Mountain Bear Management Unit In and west of Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland: Oct. 16 – Nov. 18, 2023 and Dec 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Piedmont Bear Management Unit Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, and Union: Nov. 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Franklin, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake, and Warren: Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Alexander, Catawba, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Stokes, and Yadkin: Nov. 18, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
	Coastal Bear Management Unit Zone 1: Dare, Hyde, and Tyrrell: Nov. 11 – Nov. 26 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023 Zone 2: Camden, Chowan, and Pasquotank: Nov. 10 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023 Gates, Currituck, and Perquimans: Nov. 11 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023 Zone 3: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Jones, Martin, and Washington: Nov. 11 – Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 – Dec. 24, 2023 Zone 4: Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson: Nov. 18 – Dec. 17, 2023 Zone 5: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico (use of dogs for hunting bears prohibited in this county), Pender, Robeson, and Sampson: Nov. 13, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Wild Turkey Spring Season <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 8 – May 6, 2023 Apr. 13 – May 11, 2024
Wild Turkey Youth-only Season <i>(bearded or male turkeys only)</i>	Apr. 1 – 7, 2023 Apr. 6 – 12, 2024
Raccoon and Opossum	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
Squirrel	Gray and Red Squirrels: Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024 Spring Squirrel Season (Gray Squirrel) Private Lands: May 13 – May 27, 2024 Fox Squirrels: Oct. 16, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024
Rabbit	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
Quail	Nov. 18, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
Grouse	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
Bobcat	Oct. 16, 2023 – Feb. 29, 2024
Fox	See “Fox Season Hunting and Trapping Seasons” publication at ncwildlife.org/foxseasons .

Crow	Aug. 2, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024, June 5, 2024 – July 31, 2024 Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of each week Crows may also be hunted on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Independence Day; except when these days fall on a Sunday.
Pheasant	Nov. 18, 2023 – Feb. 1, 2024
Trapping	Oct. 1, 2023 – Feb. 28, 2024

Deer Seasons

Locations	Type of Season and Dates
Northeastern	Archery: Sept. 9 – Sept. 29, 2023 Blackpowder: Sept. 30 – Oct. 13, 2023 Gun: Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Southeastern	Archery: Sept. 9 – Sept. 29, 2023 Blackpowder: Sept. 30 – Oct. 13, 2023 Gun: Oct. 14, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Central	Archery: Sept. 9 – Oct. 27, 2023 Blackpowder: Oct. 28 – Nov. 10, 2023 Gun: Nov. 11, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Northwestern	Archery: Sept. 9 – Nov. 3, 2023 Blackpowder: Nov. 4 – Nov. 17, 2023 Gun: Nov. 18, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Western	Archery: Sept. 9 – Oct. 1, 2023 Blackpowder: Oct. 2 – Oct. 14, 2023 Archery: Oct. 15 – Nov. 19, 2023 Gun: Nov. 20 – Dec. 9, 2023 Archery (Antlered Only): Dec. 10, 2023 – Jan. 1, 2024
Gun: Either-Sex Seasons	1-Day “Introductory” Season: First open Saturday of the applicable gun season. 6-Day “Conservative” Season: First 6 open days of the applicable gun season. 2-Week “Moderate” Season: First 14 open days of the applicable gun season. Maximum Season: All open days of the applicable gun season.
Blackpowder: Either-Sex Seasons	No Either-Sex Gun Season: First open Saturday of the applicable blackpowder season. 1-Day “Introductory” Opening day through first Saturday thereafter of the applicable blackpowder season. 6-Day “Conservative” Season: All open days of the applicable blackpowder season. 2-Week “Moderate” Season: All open days of the applicable blackpowder season. Maximum Season: All open days of the applicable blackpowder season.
Urban Deer Season (open in participating cities only; see regulations digest for list and contact information)	Archery Only: Jan. 13 – Feb. 18, 2024